

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service
4141 N. Herrera Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
November 15th, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Larry Struck
Teresa Kolodny
Carol Culbertson
Anthony Irby
Thomas Troxell
Raphael Ahmed
Randy Meyer (Chairman)

Committee Members Absent

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee
Paul Clark Kathy
Pearce Martin
Badegian John
Aldecoa

MFRF Committee Staff

Michelle Sullivan, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General – Benjamin Norris

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Stanley Zeitz called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Thomas Troxell moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on October 19th, 2016. Carol Culbertson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Stanley Zeitz read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Stanley Zeitz moved the meeting to executive session at 2:06 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Vice Chairman Stanley Zeitz returned the meeting to public session at 2:40 p.m. to vote on applications.

- 1. 2016-10 K** Anthony Irby recommended application be approved and submitted for participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and

supportive services. Anthony Irby recommends applicant apply for disability compensation. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **2016-10 L** Randy Meyer moved to recommend application be approved as requested for assistance with two months for rent only. Anthony Irby recommends applicant revisit VA exam and disability claim and apply for caregiver benefits. Raphael Ahmed seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **2016-06 B** Thomas Troxell moved to recommend application be partially approved as for five month's storage only. The Committee noted if applicant submits bill or invoice for auto repair maintenance the committee will approve within reason all four tires replaced for vehicle. Randy Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2015-07 J TIP** Raphael Ahmed moved to recommend application be submitted and approved for the remainder of participation in the Transition in Place Program up to \$10,000 that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. The Committee recommends applicant attends VA appointment scheduled for December 7th, 2016. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2016-10 A** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be amended to included two additional months of awarded assistance from the MFRF Advisory Meeting held on October 18th, 2016. Raphael Ahmed requested to see income of significant other or paystub. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2016-10 O** Larry Struck moved to recommend application be approved as requested for three months of rent, water, electric, and gas only. Raphael Ahmed seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2016-10 J** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved for three months of rent, SRP, auto insurance, and auto only. The Committee recommends applicant attend VA appointed exams and provide documentation. Randy Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2010-06 C 11-10-16** Randy Meyer moved to recommend application be denied. The Committee stated the applicant increased expenses and is living beyond means by moving into a larger more expensive house that is double the cost of previous applications, the applicant has purchased a brand new truck, and the applicant needs to reevaluate expenses and eliminate unnecessary costs. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

Carol Culbertson attended the Retiree appreciation day at Luke Air Force Base at the NOSC to hand out MFRF and ADVS fliers, Raphael attend a Vietnam Veteran event to talk about MFRF. Anthony Irby attended the Rally Point 22 road march to bring awareness to veteran suicide.

CALL TO PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Raphael Ahmed moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Arizona Department of Veteran Services.